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When comes the hour of parting:
when thy face
Fades into darkness: when I
strive to call
its vanished features out of
empty space.
But in a midst of beauty lose
them all:
Then for a while the sunset of
thy charm
Dies into deep, impenetrable
night.
And I am haunted by a wild
alarm
Lest love should ne'er unveil
its hidden light
But darkness lifts the blinding
veil of day:
And, glancing upward with
new-opened eyes,
I see, immeasurably far away,
Above the zenith of the mid-
night skies,
Three, round whose orb all stars
like planets move—
Three, throned and crowned, the
Queen of Light and
Love.
—Edmond Holmes, "The Tri-
umph of Love."

It is hoped that most of the splendor that was extinguished in turning off the lights of the St. Louis exposition Thursday night, will flash into life again when the button is pressed at Portland on June 1, 1905.

In view of the serious charges against Mayor Williams' administration in Portland, his attempted "witty" remarks on the efforts of decent people, (the sheriff alone included among the officials,) to purify moral conditions, will not add many bouquets to the mayor's record. The spectacle of this man in the highest position in the city, openly condemning men of good morals for their efforts to correct unspeakable social evils which the mayor has embraced and given protection to should bring even the political libertines of Portland to their senses.

Who is General Bell of Colorado, that a history of his life should be written? What interest will posterity have in his career, except to use it as a reproach to the anarchist mine owners of Colorado, who hired this thug in uniform to deport American citizens from their homes, order them shot down without provocation and despoil their households, that they might not return cheap military notoriety such as this Colorado knave craves should find no permanent place in American annals and it would be a blessing if both Bell and his alleged historian, who have challenged each other to a duel, would come together as soon as possible and by their miserably disreputable marksmanship, shoot each other, and end this disgrace to Colorado and to the American uniform.

Intangible sources of wealth, such as produce enormous profits and yet escape taxation, is the subject of a published article by Assessor C. P. Strain in today's East Oregonian. This subject is one of the most vital to the state and yet assessors, legislators and economists have passed it by, heretofore. It is a fact that the merchant, the farmer, the stockman, the owners of buildings and visible values, pay the burden of taxation, while priceless franchises, on which millions are earned, escape from the assessor, because they are invisible, and have no existence as property, before the laws of many states. Through the enjoyment of these franchises, millions of dollars are hoarded each year, while the owners of such franchises pay taxes on a miserably small amount of visible property. What proportion of the wealth of the Western Union company do the lines of poles and wires and the office fixtures represent? The cost of these visible articles of value is but a pittance of the enormous wealth of this company. Yet the real wealth, the real source of income which is found in the franchise granted by the people, and from which the profits are produced, cannot be reached by assessment, at present, in Oregon.

ASSESSOR STRAIN ON INVISIBLE VALUES

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to tax them according to their value. This is due to several causes. The annual pass has its influence, and then there is the lack of knowledge, and dread of litigation.

A great corporation is often stronger than a single county. It is therefore essential that the whole state exercise its authority for the protection of its weakest member.

This can be done by two acts: (1.) By the creation of a temporary tax commission, clothed with power to examine books, summon witnesses, and compel their attendance, and otherwise consider valuations and employ all the rules for the determination of values that a business man would use. The report of this commission should be published and distributed among the proper county officials for their guidance. (2.) By passing an act providing for the payment of all taxes in advance of litigation when based upon equitable grounds, and providing for the immediate correction of technical errors when litigation is brought upon technicalities.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The state sustains considerable loss by failure to tax express companies. If they pay any tax at all it is paid in Multnomah county. Express business extends out into the several counties of the state and whatever tax arises from it should be either proportioned to the counties on a mileage basis, or else be paid to the state.

Connecticut levies a tax of five per cent on gross receipts earned in the state. This is in lieu of all other taxes.

New York levies one-half of one per cent on gross receipts, besides a franchise and property tax.

New Jersey levies two per cent on gross receipts earned in the state, besides license fee and property tax.

Pennsylvania levies eight mills on gross receipts within the state, and five mills on actual value of capital stock. Besides this real estate is subject to local taxation.

Ohio now values express company property for assessment purposes by a state board and apportions it among the counties where it becomes subject to local levies. Formerly in that state the franchise was not included as an element of value for assessment purposes. But under a new rule it is. The effect of these two rules presents this contrast:

Former Rule—
Adams Express Company, assessed value, \$42,065.00
American Express Company, assessed value, 23,430.00
U. S. Express Company, assessed value, 28,438.00

Present Rule—
Adams Express Company, assessed value, \$533,035.00
American Express Company, assessed value, 499,274.00
U. S. Express Company, assessed value, 488,264.00
In addition to paying local rates on these valuations, the state levies two per cent on gross receipts.

Indiana applies what is known as the Unit Rule in the valuation of all property. This method was first adopted in 1891. Its effect can best be understood by its results. Here are the assessed valuations in 1890, the last year under the old rule:

Land and Lots and **Express.**
Improvements, Improvements, Personality, Telegraph, Etc. Railroads.
\$377,276,322 \$176,661,412 \$238,871,076 \$ 698,672 \$ 66,206,295

Assessed valuation in 1891, first year under Unit Rule—
Land and Lots and **Express.**
Improvements, Improvements, Personality, Telegraph, Etc. Railroads.
\$529,537,557 \$269,062,736 \$293,745,534 \$1,871,912 \$161,039,169

Percentage of increase under Unit Rule—
41 per cent. 52 per cent. 24 per cent. 167 per cent. 143 per cent.

This rule of valuation catches the value of good-will and patent rights, especially of corporations. These advance the earnings of the corporations to which their stock values readily respond.

RECAPITULATION.

I have shown how the state is losing something like \$150,000.00 per annum by failure to discover and tax cash; \$35,000.00, more or less, by the escape of life insurance investments, and a very large amount, probably \$200,000.00 per annum by a failure to reach the franchise value of railroads and express companies. I have stated briefly the methods adopted by other states for the prevention of these losses. I shall take pleasure in discussing them more in detail before the committee on taxation of the coming session of the Oregon legislature, if desired.

Respectfully,

C. P. STRAIN,
Assessor Umatilla County.

Little tangible wealth, the electric light companies, the telephone, the street car companies, and other great interests possess millions in franchises and privileges which escapes taxation. Is it any wonder the farms, stocks of merchants and other visible property are heavily taxed?

The reclamation department of the United States has suddenly developed into one of the greatest departments of the government. From a small bureau a few years ago, it has evolved into a massive department, with millions of dollars at its disposal, and the very life of Western settlement dependent upon its wisdom. Will the official grow and develop in proportion to the sudden development of his department? Or, will the theories and practices that fitted the little experimental bureau, be enforced in the wider and more splendid scope of the great department? Will this department still be made up of red tape processes, the issuance of abstract reports which are of so little concern to the people that they form no part of the libraries of the country? No longer a bureau of experiments, this great department has come to fill an active place in the government. Its effectiveness will be the means of settling the west. Through its wisdom, practical sense and actual work must come the next great national evolution in the reclamation of the idle deserts. Congress should widen the scope of the department and give it all possible power—and then the department should do something.

The Pilot Rock Record is right in condemning the practice of the Morning Tribune of Pendleton for "holding up" pioneer citizens of Pilot Rock for sums varying from \$2.50 to \$7.50 each for a few lines mention in an alleged edition of 5000 copies. It would be impossible to mention the history of Pilot Rock without honorable mention of every pioneer in that community. Many of these pioneers have been constant patrons of the Tribune since it was founded, and by their support it has been enabled to live. Yet it unscrupulously grafts them for a bare mention of their names in its special edition. Through the efforts of the Pilot Rock Record, the city council of that place rescinded its action donating \$50 to the Tribune for a write-up of the town, but the money collected from the individual pioneers is gone beyond recall. Helts, also declined to



One of the greatest American millionaires once said to his physician, "A million dollars, Doctor, for a new stomach," and then the sick man groaned and turned away. One of a man's greatest pleasures is that born of a keen appetite, vigorous digestion and a good dinner, and this belongs to many a good fellow who is living on small wages, but the rich man without a stomach has to forego the good things of the table because his stomach rebels. Without a healthy stomach and a good digestion, our blood is thin, weak, and poor, our heart action is weak, our liver does not do its duty, and man is miserable and unhappy. In this condition man is prey to the germs of influenza, consumption, malaria and all the ills that he is heir to. Consumption can be treated by natural methods which are as close to nature as possible.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the 'Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., years ago understood this disease, and after a long period of experiment discovered certain roots and herbs which were nature's remedies, and succeeded in putting them up in a form that would be easily procured and ready to use. This he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It gives no false stimulation because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. It helps digestion and the assimilation of such elements in the food as are required for the blood. Instead of a cod liver oil, against which the already sensitive stomach will declare open rebellion, this tonic has a pacifying action upon the sensitive stomach and gives to the blood the food elements the system requires. It maintains the patient's nutrition by enabling him to eat, retain, digest and assimilate nutritious food. It overcomes gastric irritability and symptoms of indigestion, and in this way fever, night-sweats, headaches, etc., are driven away with it. It fortifies the body against the germs of consumption, grip and malaria, and it builds up the tissues and puts on healthy flesh.

When the druggist says he has something that is "just as good" as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, he says so because he hopes to make a better profit, but his own mixtures have not stood the test of long experience nor had the success that Dr. Pierce's medicines have had.

CATARRH DESTROYS THE KIDNEYS.

GEORGE KING.



M. R. GEORGE KING, Deputy Sheriff of Rensselaer Co., N. Y., for years was a well known merchant of Troy. In a letter from No. 43 King St., Troy, N. Y., he writes:

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